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1. SUMMARY. AFGHAN ENVOY NAIM AND VICE FONMIN ABDULLAH CONCENTRATED ON EFFORTS TO OBTAIN JAPANESE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE DURING RECENT FOUR DAY VIST TO JAPAN. JAPANESE AGREED TO CONSIDER ASSISTANCE FOR TV BROADCASTING SYSTEM, HELMAND RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND RAILWAY PROJECTS. PRESUMABLY TO PRY FUNDS FROM TOKYO, NAIM ADVERTISED WHAT HE CALLED DESIRE IN PEKING FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PRC. END SUMMARY.

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2. MOHAMMAD NAIM, SPECIAL ENVOY OF HIS BROTHER, AFGHANISTAN'S

PRESIDENT DAOUD, AND AFGHAN VICE FONMIN WAHEED ABDULLAH VISITED JAPAN AT INVITATION OF FONOFF DEC 13-17. DURING VISIT NAIM CALLED ON EMPEROR HIROHITO AND MET PM MIKI AND FONMIN MIYAZAWA. AFGHANS' SEARCH FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND HOPES FOR INCREASED TRADE WITH JAPAN DOMINATED CONVERSATIONS WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS, FONOFF DIRECTOR SECOND ME DIVISION NISHIZAKI TOLD EMBOFF. AFGHANS PROPOSED THREE PROJECTS, WHICH GOJ DIPLOMATICALLY SAID WOULD BE CONSIDERED. GOJ AGREED TO SEND TECHNICAL MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN TO INVESTIGATE FEASIBILITY OF ASSISTING KABUL IN BUILDING TELEVISION BROADCASTING SYSTEM. GOJ WAS EVEN LESS COMMITTAL ON OTHER TWO PROJECTS, HELMAND RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION TO IRAN.

3. DURING PRESS INTERVIEW REPORTED BY YOMIURI, DISCUSSING HIS EARLIER VISIT TO PRC, NAIM SAID HE HAD CONVEYED POLICIES OF DAOUD REGIME TO CHINESE LEADERS. MOS IMPRESSIVE ASPECT OF MEETINGS WITH CHINESE LEADERS, ACCORDING TO NAIM, WAS PEKING'S INTEREST IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH AFGHANISTAN. UNDER PRESS PROBING, NAIM WOULD NOT DENY THAT AFGHAN-PAK BORDER AND PATHAN PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED WITH CHINESE. ASIDE FROM YOMIURI INTERVIEW, PRESS ATTENTION TO VISIT WAS MINIMAL.

4. IN PRESS BACKGROUNDER ATTENDED BY JOURNALIST FRIEND OF EMBASSY, FONMIN MIYAZAWA ALLUDED TO DISCUSSION BETWEEN NAIM AND HIM OF AFGHANISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS BUT DECLINED TO ELABORATE. QUERIED, ME DIV DIRECTOR NISHIZAKI CLAIMED THAT LITTLE WAS DISCUSSED BUT ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

5. COMMENTS: JAPAN HAS MORE INTEREST IN AFGHANISTAN'S NEIGHBORS THAN IN KABUL BUT JAPANESE ENTERTAINED NAIM AND HIS ENTOURAGE WELL, AFGHANS WERE IMPRESSED, AND PRESUMABLY GOJ OFFER TO "CONSIDER" AID PROPOSALS MADE VISIT A SUCCESS IN AFGHAN EYES. HOWEVER NIGGARDLY PEKING MAY HAVE BEEN WITH AID OFFERS (REFTEL), WE ASSUME NAIM ADVERTISED DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AS EFFORT TO PRY FUNDS LOOSE FROM TOKYO.

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